

**St. Paul, MN** - Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) issued the following statement in response to the murder of Sgt. Joseph Bergeron of the Maplewood Police Department. While responding to report of a carjacking, Sgt. Bergeron was shot to death during the early morning hours of Saturday, May 1. One suspect in the shooting was killed while attacking St. Paul police officer David Longbehn; the other suspect has been apprehended.

"Sgt. Joseph Bergeron was a public servant and a peace officer who dedicated his entire life to keeping the citizens of our community safe. His death in the line of duty is a tragedy for his fellow law enforcement officers, the Maplewood community, and all of Minnesota. I want to personally extend my condolences to Sgt. Bergeron's wife and daughters, along with all of the family members and friends who loved him.

"Every peace officer serving in Minnesota or anywhere knows that wearing a uniform carries a special responsibility along with risk. On Saturday Sgt. Bergeron gave his life while working to keep us safe and that is a heroic sacrifice that shall always be honored.

"Maplewood Mayor Will Rossbach, the Maplewood Police Department, the City Council, and all residents have my full support during this very sad time.

"I would also like to express my sincere appreciation for the heroic professionalism of Officer David Longbehn of the St. Paul Police Department. Despite being viciously attacked Officer Longbehn protected himself and the community through his courageous actions. I wish Officer Longbehn a full recovery from his injuries and a grateful community thanks him for his service."

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.  
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